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"SHIELD-82" ACTIVITY
10 SEPTEMBER 1982

1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: MAJOR PREPARATIONS FOR WARSAW PACT EXERCISE "SHIELD-82" ARE CONTINUING IN THE SOVIET UNION AT SEVASTOPOL AND IN BULGARIA AT SLIVEN AND YAMBOL.

2. (SWN) REMARKS:

IN THE USSR --

THE SOVIET NAVAL INFANTRY REGIMENT (REGT) AT SEVASTAPOL IS EMBARKING ON LANDING CRAFT. THIS MAY INDICATE THAT IT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE EXERCISE.

(SWN) NEAR SEVASTOPOL NAVAL INFANTRY INSTALLATION (BE [REDACTED], MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE NAVAL INFANTRY REGT ARE PREPARING TO LOAD ABOARD AMPHIBIOUS LANDING SHIPS, PROBABLY IN PREPARATION FOR DEPLOYMENT TO BULGARIA FOR THE JOINT WARSAW PACT EXERCISE "SHIELD-82" (GRAPHIC 2). NAVAL INFANTRY CONVOYS ARE PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE LANDING AREA. THREE ALLIGATOR AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE LANDING SHIPS (LST) AND THREE POLNOCNY MEDIUM LANDING SHIPS (LSM) ARE BEACHED ON EACH SIDE OF THE PENINSULA IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE NAVAL INFANTRY INSTALLATION.

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(SWN) TWO ALLIGATOR LST, WITH LOADING DOORS OPEN, ARE BEACHED IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE INSTALLATION PREPARING TO LOAD MAJOR ELEMENTS OF TWO NAVAL INFANTRY BATTALIONS (GRAPHIC 3). TWO CONVOYS OF 25 AND 17 BTR-60/70 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC), ARE BOARDING EACH LST. A POLNOCNY LSM IS BEACHED ON THE SHORELINE DIRECTLY TO THE NORTH, BUT NO LOADING ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT IS OBSERVED. A SUPPORT CONVOY OF FOUR POSSIBLE BTR-60/70 APC AND 24 CARGO TRUCKS (TOWING ONE MORTAR BATTERY), IS APPROACHING THIS LOADING AREA (GRAPHIC 2). A SECOND POLNOCNY LSM IS UNDERWAY HEADING NORTH ADJACENT TO THE SHORELINE.

(SWN) A THIRD NAVAL INFANTRY BATTALION CONVOY (GRAPHIC 2) APPEARS TO BE APPROACHING ANOTHER LOADING AREA ON THE EAST SIDE

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OF THE PENINSULA. SHIPS AT THIS LOADING AREA INCLUDE A THIRD ALLIGATOR LST AND A THIRD POLNOCNY LSM (GRAPHIC 4). SUPPORT VEHICLES AND PROBABLE BTR-60 APC ARE PARKED IN FRONT OF THE LST AND THE LSM, BUT BOARDING ACTIVITY IS NOT YET UNDERWAY.

(SWN) THE NAVAL INFANTRY REGT ASSIGNED TO THE BLACK SEA FLEET IS HOUSED AT SEVASTOPOL.

IN BULGARIA --

(SWN) PREPARATIONS FOR "SHIELD-82" CONTINUE AT SLIVEN TRAINING AREA NORTHEAST [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 5), LONG RANGE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN SET UP, AND GROUND FORCES UNITS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE AND ESTABLISH BIVOUACS.

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(SWN) A LONG RANGE COMMUNICATION PARK DRIVE SATELLITE COMMUNICATION (SATCOM) STATION, NOT PRESENT [REDACTED] IS DEPLOYED IN THE NORTHEAST PART OF THE TRAINING AREA (GRAPHIC

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(SWN) THE LARGE BIVOUAC AND POSSIBLE COMMAND AREA, IDENTIFIED IN SLIVEN TRAINING AREA NORTHEAST [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED] IS STILL PRESENT. ELEMENTS OF A MOTORIZED RIFLE BN REMAIN PARKED NEARBY. OTHER UNITS DEPLOYED IN THE TRAINING AREA INCLUDE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF A TANK REGT AND TWO ARTILLERY REGT. THE TANK REGT AND AT LEAST ONE ARTILLERY REGT APPEAR TO BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY. MUCH OF THE EQUIPMENT FOR THESE UNITS, ALSO PRESENT [REDACTED] IS DEPLOYED IN NET-COVERED REVETMENTS (GRAPHICS 7 AND 8). OTHER EXERCISE PREPARATIONS INCLUDE THE PRESENCE OF A RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED HELIPAD AND A PROBABLE PARKING LOT IN THE RANGE CONTROL AREAS. A PROBABLE RANGE MARKER IS AT THE NW EDGE OF THE TRAINING AREA.

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(SWN) POSSIBLE PREPARATIONS FOR UNIT DEPARTURE, FIRST SEEN ON 6 SEPTEMBER, CONTINUE AT YAMBOL ARMY BARRACKS 1 [REDACTED] (NOT ON GRAPHIC). MOST OF THE HOWITZERS FOR THE ARTILLERY REGT REMAIN OUTSIDE VEHICLE SHEDS, AND 11 VEHICLES REMAIN IN CONVOY

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IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE INSTALLATION. ALSO SINCE [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED], AT LEAST SIX POSSIBLE APC ARE IN THE MRR AREA, AND 25X1
AT LEAST 30 FLATCARS HAVE ARRIVED NEAR THE RAIL STATION
NORTHWEST OF THE INSTALLATION.

(SWN) SLIVEN AND YAMBOL HOUSE ELEMENTS OF THE BULGARIAN 3RD
ARMY.

(SWN) ANALYST COMMENT -- THE ACTIVITY TODAY AT SEVASTOPOL AND
SLIVEN CORRESPONDS WITH ACTIVITY PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN THE
SOVIET UNION AT CHERKASSY ARMY BARRACKS AL 1 [REDACTED] 25X1
AND ILICHEVSK RAILROAD FERRY TERMINAL [REDACTED] AND IN 25X1
BULGARIA AT VARNA PORT FACILITIES [REDACTED]. AT 25X1
CHERKASSY [REDACTED] ELEMENTS OF A TANK REGIMENT, 25X1
SUBORDINATE TO A TANK DIVISION, WERE LOADING ONTO BARGES ON THE
DNIEPER RIVER PROBABLY IN PREPARATION TO TRANSIT THE BLACK SEA
TO BULGARIA FOR "SHIELD-82." SIGNAL EQUIPMENT, PROBABLY
DESTINED FOR "SHIELD-82," WAS BEING LOADED ON AN AKADEMIK
TUPOLEV-CLASS RO/RO SHIP AT ILICHEVSK ON 4 SEPTEMBER. BY
[REDACTED] AN AKADEMIK TUPOLEV HAD ARRIVED IN THE VICINITY OF 25X1
VARNA PORT FACILITIES IN BULGARIA LOADED WITH MILITARY
EQUIPMENT AND ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT WAS PRESENT ON THE QUAY AT
THE PORT FACILITIES.

3. BE N/A, COORDINATES N/A

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